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Explanation of Significant Differences for Burial Trenches Soil Remediation Project Rocky Mountain Arsenal Federal Facility Site

The U.S. Army recently completed the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Burial Trenches Soil Remediation Project. The ESD was issued as required based on modification to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal (RMA) On-Post Record of Decision (ROD). The Burial Trenches project areas are located in the eastern and western portions of the RMA. They consist of disposal trenches, burn pits, surface burn areas, and other areas with munitions debris present. This ESD documents a change in a portion of the remedy based on new information obtained by the Army during the detailed document review and development of the field design investigation. These changes have resulted in significant changes to the remediation volumes and project cost. Changes to remediation boundaries resulted in a decrease in the volume of soil that exceeds the site criteria for human health. For munitions debris and associated soil, the number of remediation areas increased significantly resulting in an increased remediation volume. Together, these changes have increased project cost by approximately 65 percent over the ROD estimate. These changes, while resulting in the need for an ESD, do not alter the overall hazardous waste management approach that was selected in the ROD.

The On-Post ROD, which was signed by the Army, the State of Colorado, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 11, 1996, provides a detailed description of the cleanup approach elected for RMA.

This ESD, the Administrative Record, the RODs and Post-ROD documents supporting the cleanup, are available at the RMA Joint Administrative Record and Document Facility (JARDF), 303-289-0362, open M-F 12-4:00 p.m. and by appointment and at the EPA Superfund Records Center, 303-312-7287, open M-F 8 a.m. - 4p.m.

Comments on this Explanation of Significant Differences are requested by June 4, 2004.

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